

GETTING TO KNOW

# Langley City



Get to know your local government.  
This educational workbook provides information  
and activities to help students better understand  
the functions of Langley City government.

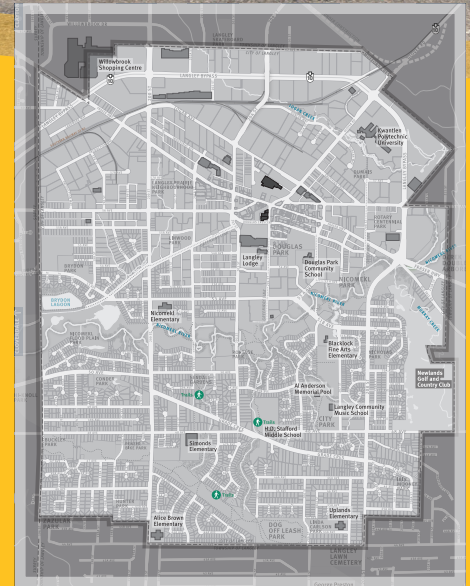
# Welcome to Langley City



Langley City is located in the Metro Vancouver regional district of British Columbia.

Langley City is 10 square kilometres and is bordered by the City of Surrey at 196 Street in the west, and surrounded by the Township of Langley at about 62 Avenue in the north, 210 Street in the east, and 44 Avenue in the south.

Langley City Hall, with Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL), and Timms Community Centre, is located at 20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC.





## MAYOR'S VAL VAN DEN BROEK MESSAGE

Langley City, with the cooperation of School District No.35 and the Langley RCMP, has created this educational workbook to help students learn about local government.

As you read the story of Langley City, take time to test your knowledge with the puzzles we have included to make learning about local government more interesting and fun. We hope you discover how local government plays a vital role.

We also invite you to visit Langley City Hall or attend an upcoming City Council meeting in our Council Chambers. For more information about Langley City, the Place to Be, visit [langleycity.ca](http://langleycity.ca).



# Explore History Langley City

Originally established in 1873 as part of the larger District Municipality of Langley, Langley City separated and incorporated as a distinct municipality in 1955.

The pioneers homesteaded beyond the great HBC farm and many of them settled on the site of the present day Langley City.

## FIRST NATIONS

Langley was first inhabited by the Stó:lo First Nations, in particular the Kwantlen branch. Among the first Europeans to meet the Stó:lo was Simon Fraser, who recorded his impression of a Stó:lo village by Fort Langley as early as 1808.

## FUR TRADING

This area first came to the attention of Europeans in 1824 when James MacMillan and his party were scouting for a new Hudson's Bay Company post. They travelled up the Pacific coast from Astoria, Oregon and navigated Semiahmoo Bay. The party travelled up the Nicomekl River as far as possible.

MacMillan and his group then followed an ancient Indian portage route to the Fraser River. Today, Portage Park is at the foot of 204 Street on the Nicomekl River.

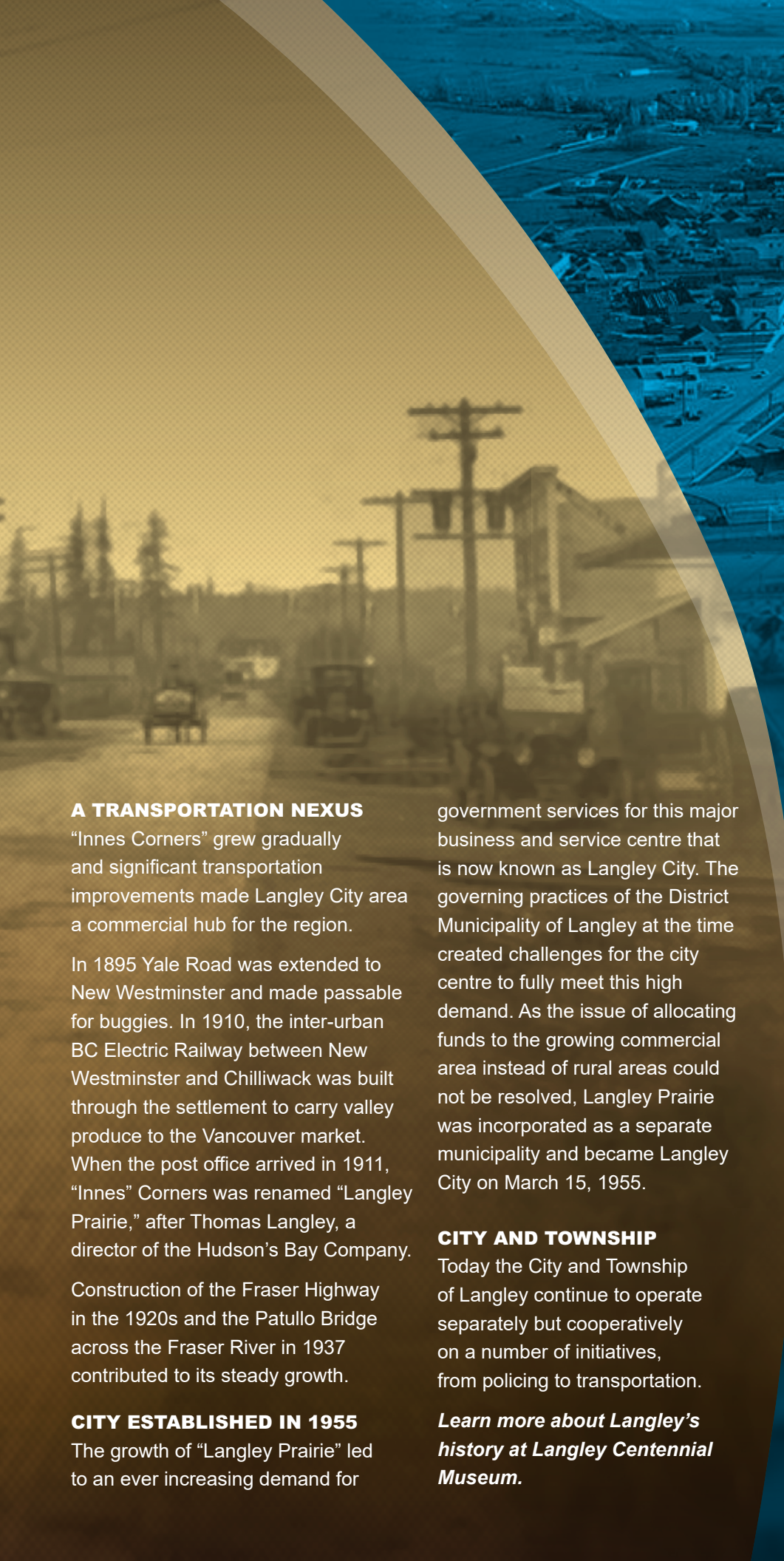
## THE BIRTHPLACE OF BC

In 1858, with the beginning of the Gold Rush and an influx of 30,000 miners, the Crown Colony of British Columbia was proclaimed at Fort Langley. Soon after, colonists were permitted to buy land for ten shillings an acre and settlers began to arrive in the Langley area. Some were examiners or former Hudson's Bay Company employees; others came from Ireland, Scotland and England via eastern Canada or the United States.

## LANGLEY CITY'S FIRST SETTLERS

In the 1870s, Adam and William Innes were among the first to buy land, at the junction of Smuggler's Trail (now Glover Rd) and Yale Rd (now Fraser Highway). This spot where he homesteaded is now known as Innes Corners.

Politics in this fledgling community kept Adam Innes busy. He was involved in the municipal incorporation of the Langley area in 1873 and was reeve (mayor) for seven one-year terms between 1874 and 1887. He was also secretary of the school board and donated land for one of the community's first schools.



### A TRANSPORTATION NEXUS

“Innes Corners” grew gradually and significant transportation improvements made Langley City area a commercial hub for the region.

In 1895 Yale Road was extended to New Westminster and made passable for buggies. In 1910, the inter-urban BC Electric Railway between New Westminster and Chilliwack was built through the settlement to carry valley produce to the Vancouver market. When the post office arrived in 1911, “Innes” Corners was renamed “Langley Prairie,” after Thomas Langley, a director of the Hudson’s Bay Company.

Construction of the Fraser Highway in the 1920s and the Patullo Bridge across the Fraser River in 1937 contributed to its steady growth.

### CITY ESTABLISHED IN 1955

The growth of “Langley Prairie” led to an ever increasing demand for

government services for this major business and service centre that is now known as Langley City. The governing practices of the District Municipality of Langley at the time created challenges for the city centre to fully meet this high demand. As the issue of allocating funds to the growing commercial area instead of rural areas could not be resolved, Langley Prairie was incorporated as a separate municipality and became Langley City on March 15, 1955.

### CITY AND TOWNSHIP

Today the City and Township of Langley continue to operate separately but cooperatively on a number of initiatives, from policing to transportation.

*Learn more about Langley’s history at Langley Centennial Museum.*



**WARK-DUMAIS HOUSE**  
AT KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

**WARK FAMILY:** The Wark family purchased the property in 1868. Notable family members include John Wark, who helped locate the original site for Fort Langley at Derby in 1824, and Robert James Wark who became Reeve of Langley from 1914 to 1918.

**DUMAIS FAMILY:** Albert Dumais bought the Wark property in 1925 and operated an impressive dairy farm till 1963.



**MICHAUD HOUSE**  
51 AND 204 STREET, PORTAGE PARK, LANGLEY CITY

This home, once a thriving dairy farm, was built in 1888 by Joseph and Georgiana Michaud, Langley’s first French Canadian family.

# Levels of Government

Canada has three levels of government: The Federal Government in Ottawa, the Provincial Government in Victoria, and Local Governments such as Langley City.

## CANADA

### Federal Government

The Federal Government takes care of the bigger picture – national issues such as defence, international trade, and foreign affairs.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Provincial Government

At the Provincial level, the government in Victoria takes care of such things as health care, education, transportation, forests and the environment.





## LANGLEY CITY

### Local Government

Municipalities are responsible for things much closer to home.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDS MOST OF ITS TIME AND RESOURCES ON?**

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### Why is Langley City a City?

While all municipalities are legal corporations, the classification is determined by the size of the area and the population. Provincial guidelines classify a village as less than 2,500 population, a town as 2,500 to 5,000, a city as over 5,000 and a district as greater than 800 hectares and less than five people per hectare.

Langley City has a population of 27,500 within an area of 10.18 square kilometers (4 square miles).

*Good citizenship starts with you. You can make a difference in your community.*



# Langley City Symbols

## Understanding the Coat of Arms

A Coat of Arms and a flag are Langley City's symbols. The Coat of Arms includes a shield, a crest, two supporters, a compartment and a motto. The Coat of Arms expresses the City's history and is used for official purposes, such as official correspondence from Mayor and Council.



### SHIELD

The Shield is in the centre of the Coat of Arms. The gold cross symbolizes the historic crossroads of Yale Road (now Fraser Highway), Smuggler's Trail (now Glover Road and Michaud Crescent) at the heart of Langley City. The blue star of Innes in the centre of the shield reflects the original name of this intersection: "Innes Corners," after the important pioneer and landowner named Adam Innes. The City's flag uses the same symbols as the shield.

### CREST

The Crest is at the top of the Coat of Arms and includes a black lion holding the City's flag and a canoe. The lion is a symbol of the Mac-Millan family from Scotland and is used in the crest to celebrate the arrival of James MacMillan in the Langley area in 1824. The canoe shows how MacMillan's party travelled up the Nicomekl River.

### SUPPORTERS

The Supporters are the horse and elk that support the shield. The elk represents the natural history of the area, while the horse honours the early pioneers of the area.

### CORPORATE LOGO

The colours in the corporate logo (below) were inspired by the Coat of Arms. The graphical water elements that flow horizontally across the "LC" represents Nicomekl River and Floodplain, one of the distinguishing geographical features unique to the City.







# Langley City Council

**LANGLEY CITY COUNCIL (LEFT TO RIGHT): COUNCILLORS RUDY STORTEBOOM, ROSEMARY WALLACE, GAYLE MARTIN, MAYOR VAL VAN DEN BROEK, AND COUNCILLORS TERI JAMES, NATHAN PACHAL, AND PAUL ALBRECHT.**

## **THE VOTERS**

The voters are at the centre of all decisions made at the local government level. City Council, made up of the Mayor and six Councillors, ultimately answers to the constituents of Langley City.

## **THE MAYOR**

The Mayor is the elected head of City Council and leader of the municipal government.

## **COUNCILLORS**

The Councillors are the elected representatives who, together with the Mayor, make up City Council.

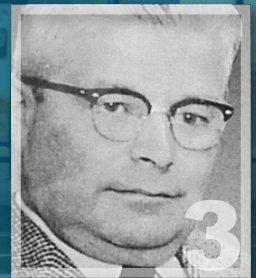
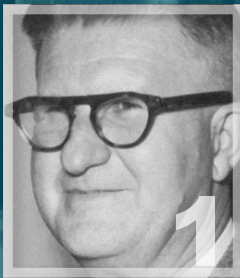
## **ADMINISTRATION**

The Administration Department is responsible for implementing City Council's directions through various City departments.

## **DEPARTMENTS**

The departments are the divisions of local government responsible for providing a variety of municipal services. Langley City's departments are described in the following pages.

# Langley City Mayors Past and Present



**HUNTER VOGEL**

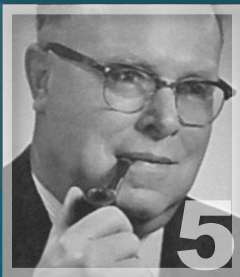
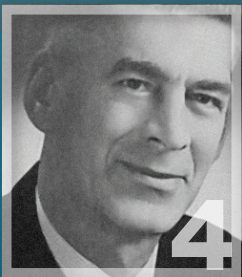
MARCH 15, 1955 – MAY 29, 1955

**ERNEST EDWARD SENDALL**

MAY 30, 1955 – OCTOBER 26, 1959

**JOHN ALFRED PENZER**

DECEMBER 2, 1959 – APRIL 5, 1961



**JOHN HERBERT CONDER**

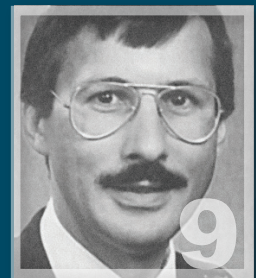
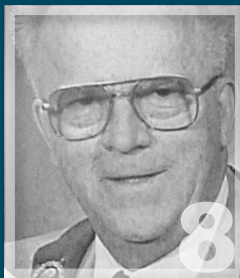
MAY 8, 1961 – JANUARY 6, 1969

**DAVID LEONARD NICHOLAS**

JANUARY 6, 1969 – JANUARY 8, 1973

**WILLIAM DUCKWORTH, JR.**

JANUARY 8, 1973 – DECEMBER 8, 1980



**AUBREY SEARLE**

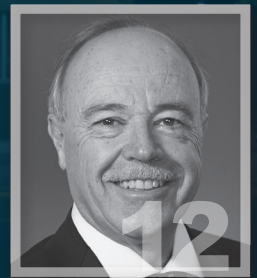
DECEMBER 8, 1980 – DECEMBER 6, 1982

**REGINALD HENRY EASINGWOOD**

DECEMBER 6, 1982 – DECEMBER 6, 1988

**JOE GERRY LOPUSHINSKY**

DECEMBER 5, 1988 – DECEMBER 6, 1993



**MARLENE GRINNELL**

DECEMBER 6, 1993 – DECEMBER 5, 2005

**PETER FASSBENDER**

DECEMBER 5, 2005 – JANUARY 2, 2014

**TED SCHAFFER**

JANUARY 3, 2014 – NOVEMBER 6, 2018

**MAYOR**

**VAL VAN DEN BROEK**

NOVEMBER 6, 2018 — PRESENT

“As mayor, my job is to support the City’s mission: a vibrant, healthy and safe community.”

VAL VAN DEN BROEK, MAYOR, LANGLEY CITY



# Langley City Departments





# Administration

## DEPARTMENT

The **Administration** Department is responsible for the overall management of the organization. The department communicates the directions of Council to the various City departments and is also responsible for bylaw enforcement, human resources, and communications.



### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Manages and provides leadership to the organization and its departments as directed by City Council.

### **CORPORATE OFFICER**

Takes care of official city documents and records, including preparation of meeting agendas. Holds municipal elections every four years when the Mayor and Councillors are elected.

### **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT**

Making sure that City bylaws and parking regulations are followed.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Looking after people who work for the City and hiring new workers when needed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Creates plans and materials to help inform, engage and collect feedback from the public about government programs, initiatives, services and policies.



# Corporate Services

## DEPARTMENT

The **Corporate Services** Department is responsible for tax collection, budgeting, accounting and information technology services.



### TAX COLLECTION

Collecting money from property taxes paid to the City by land owners.

### BUDGETING

Planning how to raise and spend money to provide City services.

### ACCOUNTING

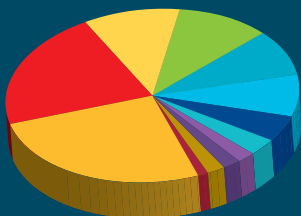
Keeping track of money that is received or spent by the City.

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Providing and maintaining computer hardware and software for City departments.

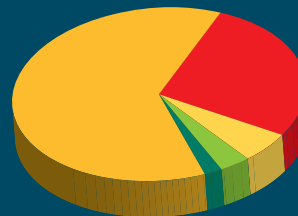
## EXPENSES

HOW IS THE CITY'S MONEY SPENT?



## REVENUE

WHERE DOES THE CITY'S MONEY COME FROM?





# Engineering, Parks & Environment

## DEPARTMENT

**Engineering, Parks & Environment** is responsible for the administration of engineering, public works, and parks including the design, construction and maintenance of roads, water, sanitary sewer, drainage and parks services.

The department has its technical and administrative offices in City Hall. Operational services are based at the Operations Centre at 5713 198 Street.

### **ROADS**

Designing, building and maintaining roads, sidewalks, traffic signs, signals, and streetlights.

### **WATER**

Plotting, installing and maintaining water reservoirs, water mains and fire hydrants. Ensuring water quality standards are met.

### **SANITARY SEWER**

Developing, installing and maintaining sanitary sewer pipes and the pump stations.

### **DRAINAGE**

Designing, installing and maintaining storm drainage pipes and catch basins.

### **PARKS**

Developing and maintaining all parks and public spaces.

# Recreation, Culture & Community Services

DEPARTMENT



The **Recreation, Culture & Community Services** Department is responsible for providing or facilitating leisure opportunities for people of all ages, interests and skill levels.

The department works closely with community agencies to provide a wide range of services to the citizens of Langley. Citizens can register for a diverse range of programs or participate in many drop-in type activities.

## RECREATION PROGRAMS

Some popular recreation programs in Langley City:

- Swimming
- Dance
- Fitness
- Arts and Crafts
- Sports
- Drama
- Social
- Youth Drop-in

## FACILITIES

- Al Anderson Memorial Pool
- Douglas Recreation Centre
- Langley City Library
- Nicomekl Community Multipurpose Room
- Timms Community Centre (with gym, cardio, weight room, track, games room, fitness classes, multipurpose rooms, and kitchen).





### SCHOOLS

- A** ALICE BROWN ELEMENTARY
- B** BLACKLOCK ELEMENTARY
- C** DOUGLAS PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
- D** NICOMEKL ELEMENTARY
- E** SIMONDS ELEMENTARY
- F** UPLANDS ELEMENTARY
- G** H.D. STAFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
- H** KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

### RECREATION FACILITIES

- A** AL ANDERSON MEMORIAL POOL
- B** DOUGLAS RECREATION CENTRE
- C** LANGLEY SENIORS RECREATION CENTRE
- D** LANGLEY TWIN RINKS
- E** MICHAUD HOUSE HISTORIC SITE
- F** TIMMS COMMUNITY CENTRE
- G** SPIRIT SQUARE

### PARKS

- 1** BRYDON PARK
- 2** BUCKLEY PARK
- 3** CITY PARK
- 4** CONDER PARK
- 5** DOUGLAS PARK
- 6** DUMAIS PARK
- 7** HUNTER PARK
- 8** IRIS MOONEY PARK
- 9** LANGLEY PRAIRIE PARK
- 10** LINWOOD PARK
- 11** NICHOLAS PARK
- 12** NICOMEKL PARK
- 13** PENZER ACTION PARK
- 14** PORTAGE PARK
- 15** ROTARY CENTENNIAL PARK
- 16** SENDALL GARDENS

# Development Services

## DEPARTMENT



The **Development Services** Department is responsible for providing services related to the planning and development of the City.

### **PLANNING**

Planning the development of land in the City.

### **BUILDING**

Inspecting buildings for safety, issuing sign permits, and issuing building permits to allow construction in the City.

### **BUSINESS LICENSING**

Issuing business licenses.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Promoting business in the City.



# LANGLEY CITY Fire-Rescue Services

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## DEPARTMENT

Langley City provides fire services and other emergency rescue services through **Langley City Fire-Rescue Service Department**.

Langley City Firehall is located at 5785 203rd Street.

### **FIRE SERVICES**

- Firefighting
- Fire Prevention
- Community Education

### **OTHER EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICES**

- Hazardous Materials Calls
- Medical Service Calls
- Motor Vehicle Accident Rescues

### **LANGLEY EMERGENCY PROGRAM**

The Langley Emergency Program (LEP) is a joint program between both the City and the Township of Langley. The program educates the public and ensures that any response to disaster is both fluid in communication and coordination.





# City of Langley COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICE

100-20408 DOUGLAS CRESCENT, 604 514-2870

## Langley RCMP

### DETACHMENT



Police services in Langley City are provided on contract by the **Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)**.

Langley City is home to an RCMP Community Police Office in Downtown Langley located at 20408 Douglas Crescent. The main Langley RCMP detachment is located in the Township of Langley at 22180 48th Avenue.

#### **POLICE SERVICES**

- Law Enforcement
- Crime Prevention
- Community Education

#### **COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICE**

- Storefront office in Downtown Langley
- Encourage communication between police and citizens of Langley



# Community

# Participation

## STAY INFORMED

Stay informed by reading the local newspaper and visiting Langley City website at [langleycity.ca](http://langleycity.ca) for the latest news and information. Watch Council meetings, view Council and Committee Meeting agendas and minutes, and learn about all the City's services, initiatives and programs.

## ATTEND MEETINGS

If possible, attend a City Council meeting with your parents or class to see how municipal government works in Langley City! City Council meetings are generally held every second Monday throughout the year. Parks Environment Advisory Committee and Advisory Planning Commission meetings are also open to the public. These bodies advise City Council on planning and parks and recreation issues. Please check the City's website or contact the Administration Department for further information on Council and committee meetings.

## VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is about giving your time to help other people or causes. There are many volunteer opportunities in your community. For example, the City's Point of Pride program allows people to:

- Adopt-a-Park
- Adopt-a-Street
- Adopt-a-Trail
- Adopt-a-Waterway

You may also be able to volunteer for special events. If you are interested in volunteering, a good place to begin is the Recreation, Culture & Community Services Department located at Douglas Recreation Centre and Timms Community Centre.

## Get Involved!



**JUST  
FOR  
FUN!**

# WORD SCRAMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE WORDS. ALL OF THEM  
RELATE TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. GOOD LUCK!

1. XTA \_\_\_\_\_
2. ETOV \_\_\_\_\_
3. OMARY \_\_\_\_\_
4. YTCI \_\_\_\_\_
5. ILCNCOU \_\_\_\_\_
6. STREC \_\_\_\_\_
7. ALWYB \_\_\_\_\_
8. PSAKR \_\_\_\_\_
9. RAETW \_\_\_\_\_
10. EEWSR \_\_\_\_\_
11. RDSOA \_\_\_\_\_
12. ONTIREARCE \_\_\_\_\_

XTA = TAX, ETOV = VOTE, OMARY = MAYOR, YTCI = CITY, ILCNCOU = COUNCIL,  
STREC = CREST, ALWYB = BYLAW, PSAKR = PARKS, RAETW = WATER, E  
EWSR = SEMER, RDSOA = ROADS, ONTIREARCE = RECREATION

CONSIDER THIS...

WHAT WOULD  
YOU DO IF  
YOU WERE

# MAYOR?

# WHERE IS LANGLEY CITY?

COLOUR IN A SQUARE  
ON THIS MAP

# Glossary

## Definitions

<b>TERM</b>	<b>MEANING</b>
<b>AGENDAS</b>	A list of matters to be considered at a meeting, for example a City Council meeting
<b>BUSINESS LICENCE</b>	A licence to operate a business in Langley City
<b>BUILDING PERMIT</b>	A permit to allow building activity in the City
<b>BYLAWS</b>	Laws passed by City Council
<b>CATCH BASINS</b>	Drains for catching rain water on streets
<b>COLONISTS</b>	People who live in a colony such as a Crown Colony
<b>COMMERCIAL HUB</b>	A centre for business, such as Downtown Langley
<b>CONSTITUENTS</b>	People who are represented by a government, such as Langley City
<b>CRIME PREVENTION</b>	Work by police and citizens for preventing crimes from happening
<b>CROWN COLONY</b>	A territory claimed in the name of the King or Queen for settlement
<b>DETACHMENT</b>	A base or unit of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
<b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN</b>	A plan of actions for people to follow in case of an emergency
<b>ENGINEERING</b>	Using science and mathematics to solve problems for people
<b>HARDWARE</b>	The physical parts of a computer
<b>HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</b>	Materials that can be dangerous to people unless they are handled in a special way
<b>INCORPORATION</b>	Coming together to form a new municipality
<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	Work done by the police and courts to make people follow the law
<b>MEDICAL SERVICES CALLS</b>	Calls to help sick or injured people
<b>MINUTES</b>	A record of what is discussed and decided in meetings, such as a City Council meeting
<b>OPERATIONAL SERVICES</b>	Services to maintain and repair public works in the City; for example, street cleaning
<b>PORTAGE</b>	Carrying boats over land to water
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>	Taxes paid to the City by property owners to help pay for City services and schools
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	Roads, pipes, and buildings for public use or service, etc.
<b>REEVE</b>	A chief magistrate of a town; what we now call the Mayor
<b>SANITARY SEWER</b>	Pipes that take liquid waste from homes and businesses to treatment plants
<b>SIGN PERMITS</b>	Permits to allow businesses to place signs on their properties
<b>SOFTWARE</b>	The programs that run on computers
<b>STORM DRAINAGE</b>	Removing runoff or rainwater from streets and properties
<b>WATER MAINS</b>	Pipes under roads that bring water to properties
<b>WATER RESERVOIRS</b>	Large storage tanks that maintain a steady supply of water for the City

# WORD SEARCH

FIND 20 WORDS THAT RELATE TO LANGLEY CITY AND ITS HISTORY IN THIS WORD-SEARCH PUZZLE. LOOK FOR WORDS RUNNING FORWARD OR BACKWARD, UP OR DOWN, ACROSS OR DIAGONALLY IN THE PUZZLE. GOOD LUCK!



AGENDA  
 CONSTITUENTS  
 INCORPORATION  
 SECEDE  
 RESERVOIR

REGIONAL  
 DETACHMENT  
 MINUTES  
 PARK  
 VOLUNTEER

BYLAW  
 ENGINEERING  
 PORTAGE  
 PLAYGROUND  
 CITY

RAILWAY  
 HARDWARE  
 SEWER  
 PLANNING  
 FARM

Discover why Langley City is the Place to Be

VISIT [LANGLEYCITY.CA](http://LANGLEYCITY.CA)



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